

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on Page 10, line 8, with the following:

-- The particle size of pigments is preferably from 0.01 to 1 μm , more preferably from 0.01 to 0.5 μm . Well-known dispersing methods used in the manufacture of inks and toners can be used as dispersing methods of pigments. Examples of dispersing apparatus include an ultrasonic disperser, a sand mill, an attritor, a pearl mill, a super-mill, a ball mill, an impeller, a disperser, a KD mill, a colloid mill, a dynatron, a three-roll mill, a pressure kneader, etc., and details are described in Shaishin Ganryo Oyo Gijutsu (The Latest Pigment Applied Technique), CMC Publishing Co., Ltd. (1986).--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A heat-sensitive lithographic printing plate precursor comprising a substrate having an ink-receptive surface or coated with an ink-receptive layer having provided thereon a hydrophilic layer which comprises:

(1) a colloid of an oxide or a hydroxide of at least one element selected from the group consisting of beryllium, magnesium, aluminum, silicon, titanium, boron, germanium, tin, zirconium, iron, vanadium, antimony, and transition metals,

(2) a hydrophilic resin, and

(3) a light-to-heat conversion material and

a hydrophilic overcoat layer capable of being removed on a printing machine, in this order.